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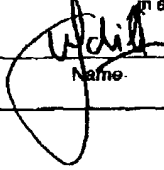
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Examiner: Delia M. Ramirez, Ph.D.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria VA 22313

Dear Sir,

A Notice of Appeal was timely filed in this application on December 17, 2003, setting the deadline for filing an Appeal Brief to February 17, 2003. Accompanying this Amendment is a Request for a one month time extension. Accordingly, this paper is timely filed.

The Amendments made in this paper are believed to place this application in better condition for allowance or appeal. Applicants request that this paper be entered into the application file, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.116.